FORT CAMPBELL ENVIRONMENTAL HANDBOOK Guidance and Instructions FLOOR TILE AND MASTIC REMOVAL GUIDANCE

GENERAL COMMENTS

Presently, nearly 5 million square feet (111 football fields) of asbestos containing floor tile are on Fort Campbell. Proactive removal, although often sought, is not necessarily the best route for floor tile. Nevertheless, we actively pursue a conscientious abatement position that exceeds regulatory requirements.

FLOOR TILE REMOVAL REQUIRED?

- 1. <u>NO REMOVAL REQUIRED</u>: It is the Army's position that floor tile that is in good condition should be managed in place. Good condition means floor tile with no visible damage or deterioration, or showing only very limited damage or deterioration.
- 2. <u>REMOVAL SUGGESTED (NOT A HIGH PRIORITY)</u>: Floor tile with the following characteristics should be removed: The surface is crumbling, gouged, showing adhesive failure, marred or otherwise abraded over less than one tenth or the surface if the damage is evenly distributed (one quarter if the damage is localized).

The occupant should notify the facility FMT representative to submit a work request (DA Form 4283) to Public Works to have the floor tile removed.

3. <u>REMOVAL REQUIRED (HIGH PRIORITY)</u>: Floor tile with the following characteristics should be removed on a high priority basis: The surface is crumbling, gouged, showing adhesive failure, marred or otherwise abraded over at least one tenth or the surface if the damage is evenly distributed (one quarter if the damage is localized).

In this case, the occupants should immediately notify the facility FMT representative to submit a work request (DA Form 4283) to Public Works to have the floor tile removed. The FMT person should monitor the work request to ensure that abatement is accomplished promptly.

NOTE 1: Activities such as sanding or grinding, drilling through, or sawing of asbestos containing floor tile SHALL NOT be allowed. Further, Self-Help asbestos containing floor tile removal is prohibited. Only EPA certified workers may perform this work.

NOTE 2: If floor tile has become loose from the floor, place in a plastic bag and call the In-House Asbestos Abatement Team for pickup. Their phone number is 798-4177. The Post may not dispose of asbestos containing materials as normal waste. DO NOT REMOVE adhered floor tile!

HEALTH CONCERNS/QUESTIONS?

Any questions concerning health hazards associated with worn or broken asbestos containing floor tiles should be given to Preventive Medicine/Industrial Hygiene. Their phone number is 798-8693.